

REMARKS

Applicants herein cancel claims 1-27. The claims are canceled for purposes related to declaring an interference with the patent referred to below. Therefore, the claims are not canceled for any reason related to patentability and are canceled without prejudice or disclaimer. Applicants added claims 28 and 29. Therefore, claims 28 and 29 are presently before the Examiner for consideration. Entry of the amendment is respectfully requested.

Applicants' claims 28 and 29 are identical to claims 14 and 15 respectively, of U.S. Patent No. 6,591,196 to Yakhini et al ("Yakhini"), issued July 8, 2003.

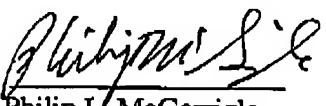
Entry of the foregoing is respectfully requested.

No new fees are believed to be due with the filing of this document. However, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account 01-0431.

Respectfully submitted,
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